

The Legislature intends that the Department of Human Services, in conjunction with the Departments of Health and Workforce Services as needed, develop a comprehensive plan to completely eliminate the DSPD waiting list within the next ten years and report on the plan to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst no later than October 1, 2018. The plan shall include (1) identification of all barriers to access for needed services, (2) identification of needs to ensure that the demand for those services can be met by private contract providers and state agencies, (3) a description of how to maximize federal matching funds and other funding sources that may be available to help implement the plan, (4) a report on the number of people needing various types of services including an estimate of the number of people who need services but are not currently on the waiting list, (5) an estimate of the number of people who would become eligible to be on the waiting list each year for the next ten years, (6) a proposal for ways to target available funds to the most beneficial services and how providing limited benefits to some people could allow more people to be served, (7) any limitations that need to be considered, such as federal requirements, noting areas where waiver authority could be reasonably requested and granted, (8) steps that could be taken to make sure that only those who truly need government support are determined to be eligible, (9) a schedule of needing funding growth to accomplish the elimination of the waiting list, (10) a discussion of innovative and creative ways that private partners and charities could work with the program to meet those needs, and (11) any other considerations needed to make sure that by 2028 there are no more people waiting for needed services.